

## TAYLORSVILLE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING RATES COULD SOON BE GOING UP

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Taylorsville residents may soon see a 15 percent fee increase for garbage and recyclable collection, the third such increase in six years.

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District officials have asked their administrative control board to approve the fee hike—from \$14.75 to \$17 per month—after a similar request to the board was rejected last year.

“Unfortunately, our costs continue to go up and our budget is being stretched tight,” said WFW&RD Executive Director Pam Roberts. “We take pride in the service we provide and don’t want that level of service to suffer. We also hope residents remember, fees are the only source of revenues the district has. No tax dollars are spent on garbage and recycling collection.”

A fee increase would impact the mandatory black (garbage) and blue (recycling) cans. No fee increase is being recommended for the small percentage of residents participating in the green (yard waste) recycling program.

“I don’t want to see our costs go up, but I think maybe the budget has been stretched about as far as it can go,” said Taylorsville City Councilwoman Dama Barbour, who represents the city on the WFW&RD administrative control board. “I know my residents don’t want to see any further cuts in service.”

Barbour is one of 14 elected officials on the control board, representing all of the areas served by WFW&RD. The district serves 82,500 households, including 13,700 in Taylorsville.

Until the city of Millcreek incorporated this year, Taylorsville was the largest city served by the district. Others include Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, Herriman, parts of Sandy and Murray and several smaller metro townships (Kearns, Magna, Copperton, White City and Immigration Canyon).

If the increase is approved, it will represent a near doubling of WFW&RD fees over the past decade, from \$9 per month in 2006 to \$17 per month, starting next year.

“During that time, we also introduced the



A large fleet of waste trucks serves nearly 83,000 Salt Lake valley homes. (WFW&RD)

weekly recycling (blue can) program,” Roberts added.

Last year’s board decision not to raise fees impacted WFW&RD customers primarily through the popular area cleanup program. Since 2003, each year the district has placed large (14-cubic yard), white containers in front of homes, where residents can throw large items out.

“Normally, we like to place one container for every seven homes,” Roberts said. “But because of our tight budget, this year we had to reduce that to one container for every nine or 10 homes.”

Barbour said her constituents noticed.

“I received a lot of calls from residents complaining the containers filled too fast,” she said. “And (district employees) did not dump them and return them to the same locations like they have often done in the past.”

District officials said their tight budget has also forced them to not replace trucks and equipment as quickly as they normally have.

“The problem with that is that the district sells their used trucks to smaller cities,” Barbour said. “If they get too many miles on them, it hurts the resale value. So it’s a constant challenge.”

In addition to the mandatory garbage and recycling cans, WFW&RD also provides optional green (yard waste) and gray (glass) recycling cans, for an additional fee. However, so far very few customers are adding those services. Only 680 Taylorsville residents have added this service, and only 5,000 have throughout the district.

“I don’t think there are enough people using the green waste cans,” Barbour said. “But it’s controversial. We have it, but even our house is divided. My husband pays the bills and

is not a big fan of the added cost.”

While some other Salt Lake Valley municipalities have made green waste recycling cans mandatory, WFW&RD has not.

“The board has discussed it,” the councilwoman said. “But there’s never been any strong push to require residents to pay for the green cans.”

Barbour did close with some complimentary words about the Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District, and Roberts.

“I think it is a very well-run organization,” she said. “Pam is very conscientious about making customer service their No. 1 priority and keeping fees down as much as possible. The board will review their numbers (regarding the proposed rate increase). If they show it can’t really be avoided this year, I’ll probably have to support it.” ✦

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## Taylorsville Family Support Center receives \$10,000 donation from national clothing chain T.J. Maxx

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When T.J. Maxx opens a new clothing store in a city, the corporation has a custom of making a \$10,000 donation to community service organizations. Generally, several different worthwhile causes receive a portion of the money.

As the chain was preparing to open its newest store in Taylorsville (5670 South Redwood Road), company officials called the city offices for advice on what worthwhile charities should be considered for the donation. After speaking with the city's public information officer Tiffany Janzen, T.J. Maxx chose to make the entire \$10,000 donation to the Family Support Center.

"I told them about all the good things the center does for families in crisis," Janzen said at a recent city council meeting. "They provide a crisis nursery, along with reduced cost housing, counseling—just a lot of great things. The Family Support Center is an important resource and that's just the first thing I thought of when (T.J. Maxx) called."

At that same city council meeting, Janzen received a "certificate of appreciation" from the Family Support Center, for touting their services to the clothing store chain.

Taylorsville T.J. Maxx Store Manager Daniel Lacey is confident his company made the right choice.

"We look for charities that help a lot of people, particularly lower-income residents," Lacey said. "After doing a little research, we determined the Family Support Center was definitely at the top of our list. We're pleased to make this connection so we can donate supplies, money and volunteer service in the future."

The Family Support Center (1760 West 4805 South) is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. It was launched in 1977 by the Utah Association of Therapists and the Junior League of Salt Lake City. Soon after, the center opened crisis nurseries in Sugar House and Midvale. Years later (in 2008), a third center opened in West Valley City. It remains open 24 hours a day.

"We have children there every single night," Family Support Center Executive Director Jeff

Bird said. "And occasionally, if it gets to full, we have to call out staff in the middle of the night to open another center for over-night needs."

About half of the 3,000 people the support center serves each year are parents dropping their kids at a crisis nursery.

"It's a place for parents to leave their children for a few hours—or even all day—if they need to go to work, get to an important appointment, or if they just need a break from their kids for a little while," said Family Support Development Director Barbara Stallone. "There are limits to how many times a parent can use the service. So it should only be used in a crisis."

There is not a crisis nursery at the Family Support Center's Taylorsville location. That site is their administrative headquarters and also provides mental health counseling. While parents are in session they can leave their children in a waiting area that features lots of stuffed animals and toys. The area comes complete with a large under the sea mural, painted by the center's clinical director, Paul Ricks.

"We have committed, well-trained therapists who are willing to work for less money than they would earn almost anywhere else," Ricks said. "We normally serve people who simply don't have the resources to turn anywhere else. Our therapists help them make sense out of life."

The T.J. Maxx donation was earmarked specifically for yet another service the Family Support Center provides: family mentoring.

"We send paraprofessionals into people's homes—once a week, for up to 10 weeks—to teach parenting skills," Stallone added. "That (T.J. Maxx) donation will pay for the workbooks, games and other materials our mentors leave with the families. It's all designed to assist people in



Clinical Director Paul Ricks (pictured) painted this aquatic mural at the Family Support Center. (Carl Fauver)

copied with parenting challenges, to help prevent child abuse."

In addition to these services, the Family Support Center also operates a homeless and low-income facility in Midvale.

"Our Life Start Village has 54 units; many of them filled with single-parent families," Bird said. "We provide food donations and assist with addiction recovery."

About 65 employees work for the 501c3 nonprofit Family Support Center; only a third of them are full time. The center's annual budget is just under \$2 million, funded primarily through the federal Department of Child and Family Services, along with local foundation grants and individual donations.

Unified Fire Authority Assistant Chief Jay Ziolkowski is proud to serve the Family Support Center as the vice chairman of its board of directors.

"The thing that impresses me the most is, we all have ups and downs in life and sometimes desperately need a place to turn," he said. "The Family Support Center has the resources necessary to help people get through those down times."

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## Launched in Taylorsville, Cupbop striving to become America's first national Korean food chain

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“We want to crush Panda Express... uh, maybe you shouldn't print that... oh, go ahead... that is our long-range goal.”

That's the word from Jung Song, one of three South Korean immigrants who launched Cupbop, in Taylorsville, just four years ago.

In that time the Korean barbecue style cuisine—served in a cup—has grown from one food trailer to five, along with eight restaurant locations in Utah, two in Idaho and three in Indonesia.

By the end of the year, they will open another in Utah and add a food truck and restaurant in Idaho. On top of all that, you can also buy Doochi Bop, Mandoo, Ugly Pop Bop, Kimchi, KKO KKO Bop or several other unique Cupbop menu items at Rice-Eccles Stadium, LaVell Edwards Stadium and Vivint Smart Home Arena.

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It's that mixture of self-confidence and humility that has helped launch Cupbop into one of America's fastest-growing culinary juggernauts, one cup at a time.

Cupbop founders J Park, J.K. Kim and Jung Song were all born in South Korea and each served in the same LDS mission there. After going their separate ways for a time, the three mi-

grated to Utah, in different years, each with very little money, but plenty of big dreams.

“I was the first to come (to Utah) in 2003,” Song said. “J.K. (Kim) came in 2004 and J (Park) in 2010.”

Kim had been a sushi chef in South Korea, while Song had been a restaurant waiter. That was the extent of their culinary experience.

The first notion of Cupbop came when two of the three were going to a meeting at the University of Utah.

“While at the U. for a business meeting (for a different business venture) they saw food trucks for the first time,” said Cupbop Marketing and Public Relations Director Yeiri Kim. “Later they saw more food trucks in downtown Salt Lake. That's when they got the idea to launch their own truck.”

But with very little start-up cash, the partners needed a break. That came in the form of Brent Taylor, owner of Taylor's Bike Shop in Taylorsville (3269 West 5400 South). He had a space for lease next to his shop, where a couple of different restaurants had tried and failed. The vacated space still had a good assortment of cooking supplies.

“I was quite reluctant (to rent to Cupbop) at first, because restaurants had not worked in that location,” Taylor said. “But they assured me they only planned to prepare food for their trucks there and not set up a dining area. So I decided to let them give it a try.”

Park says Taylor did much more than that.

“He gave us a great break on rent that first year,” Park said. “I really don't think there would be a Cupbop if he hadn't helped us out.”

The food quickly became a hit. The partners say gross sales were about \$300,000 in 2013, while this year they are expected to top \$10 million, and that does not count revenues from their Indonesian operations.

Cupbop now employs 150 people here in the United States and another 100 overseas.

The partners are also very active in charitable causes, particularly those benefiting education.

“About once each quarter we make arrangements with an area school to show up on their campus with one of our trucks to provide lunch for all the teachers and staff,” Kim said. “We believe if teachers are happy they will be more effective.”

Cupbop also sponsors a University of Utah scholarship. They presented their first \$10,000 award to a U. student earlier this year.

Cupbop cuisine features barbecued beef,



Cupbop partners J Park, J.K. Kim and Jung Song (L-R) stand in front of their first food trailer. (Carl Fauver)

chicken and pork, along with vegetables, tofu and a variety of spice sauces. Possibly their most unique ingredient is made-from-scratch sweet potato noodles.

The scoreboard shows Panda Express with more than 1,900 locations worldwide, while Cupbop is still under 20. But Panda Express also has a 31-year head start, opening its first restaurant in 1983.

By the way, Andrew and Peggy Cherg, the husband and wife founders of Panda Express, are now worth an estimated \$3.1 billion.

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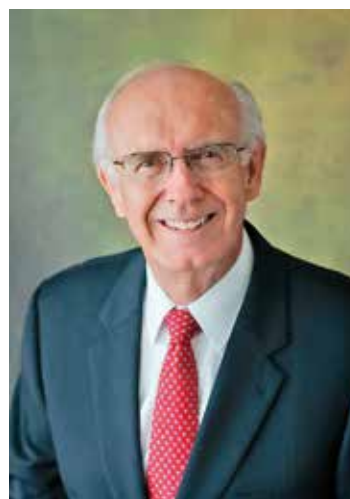
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## Principal goes to law school to sue state

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In her 12 years of teaching and 13 years as principal, Amy Martz has worked to provide the best for Utah students. She cares so much for her students that, when as a principal, she discovered students in need of a home, she applied to be a foster parent and brought them into her own home. She adopted a student in 2008 and three more last year.

As a principal, Martz advocated for children as well as teachers. Her frustration with budgeting restraints built up over the years until she finally made another life-changing decision.

"I just got really tired of having to tell teachers 'no' for things that they desperately needed," she said.

In 2012, she quit her high-paying administration job to go back to school to earn a law degree that would enable her to sue the state for education funding.

"The legislature is really going to have to dig deep and find a source of funding; we're so far behind," said Martz.

While she finished her degree, Martz returned to part-time teaching at Fox Hills Elementary, taking a nearly 80 percent pay cut while continuing to deal with problems exacerbated by lack of funding.

"I have a new perspective on it from having been a teacher and a principal," she said. "Now I'm also a student (I've done 10 years of college), and now I have these kids. These guys have really made me think about where we are right now with funding for education and that I want to fight for them because they deserve to have a better education."

The biggest problem, according to Martz, is class size. She said classrooms aren't made to accommodate so many children. Last year she had a class of 33 students and said it was very difficult to move around and to stay on top of everything.

"To have 33 was just really unconscionable, and it affected the kids," said Martz. "You never get 30 people to ever stop talking."

Because the school added another track, this year she has 19 students, making it easier to monitor student progress, have more one-on-one time and communicate with parents. Behavior is also better, she said.

"It's a whole different experience to have a class size like the rest of the nation," she said.

She'd also like to have the means to provide more technology opportunities for her students.

"We're fighting over a set of Chromebooks right now, trying to get technology into everyone's hands," she said of the teachers at her school. "I would use it every day for a couple of hours if I could have it but everybody wants it, and it's hard to get enough for all."

More school counselors, psychologists and administration should also be a high priority for budgeting, said Martz.

Martz believes many students with behavior problems, that don't qualify for special education aides, would benefit from one-on-one help in the classroom to help monitor behavior.

"You can't teach when you are worried about making sure everyone is safe," said Martz.

Principals spend time chasing these children, she said. When she was a principal, Martz felt her time was consumed with dealing with crises.

"There's not enough of me to go around to do all the things I need to do," she said.

Just one principal and a half-time administrative assistant are responsible for the 1,200 students at Fox Hills, illustrating how Utah not only has the highest student-to-teacher ratios but also principal to student ratios.

Martz believes going to court could help bring needed changes to the education budget. She said similar lawsuits have been brought before 46 states—and 27 of them have won.

In the time she's been working toward her law degree, progress has been made.

In 2016, the Alliance for a Better Utah ([betterutah.org](http://betterutah.org)) announced its intention to sue the state.

"Better Utah believes that the legislature is not living up to its duty under the Utah Constitution to provide adequate funding for our children's schools. It is our belief that if the legislature continues to ignore their responsibility to provide for our children's future, they should face up to their failures in a court of law," organization officials said in a statement. The Alliance is waiting to see how the legislature will respond. Meanwhile, Alliance Board Chair Josh Kanter encourages the community to let their government leaders know their feelings about the issue.

It's a slow process that's not moving fast enough for Our Schools Now ([ourschoolsnow.com](http://ourschoolsnow.com)), a coalition of business and civic leaders who believe local leaders can make better decisions for education funding. They are campaigning for a ballot initiative proposing a tax increase that would generate \$700 million each year, increasing spending nearly \$1,000 per student.

"New funding will be allocated directly to Utah schools so that the teachers and students of those schools will directly receive the benefits of greater investment in education," said Austin Cox, campaign manager of the coalition. "We must provide our teachers with the resources they need to teach our students the skills they need for future success."

Funding from the initiative will be used for teacher salaries, early learning, technology, professional development, class size reduction, additional teachers, counselors, tutors and specialists, or any other purpose to improve student performance. It would not go toward district administration expenses or construction.

Martz is actively involved with the Our Schools Now campaign, collecting signatures (they need 113,000) to get the initiative on the ballot for November 2018. She believes this campaign sends a message to a legislature that hasn't been willing to take action.

"The people want education so badly that they're willing to do it themselves and put through



A dedicated educator, Amy Martz went to law school so she could sue the state for funding. (courtesy of Amy Martz)

this voter initiative," Martz said. "If it doesn't go through, that will be very difficult on the lawsuit because it shows the public isn't willing to pay more money."

Kanter said it is the outcome of the initiative and whether the legislature responds with a significant change that will determine if the alliance follows through with the lawsuit.

Martz hopes as momentum builds, improvements in education will garner more support.

Granite School District has made some progress with its recent 11.67 percent salary increase for teachers. Other districts are expected to follow suit, said Martz.

"The school districts have realized there's a teacher shortage coming, that they really need to do something to motivate teachers to come to their district," she said. But she said districts are still limited by funding. "They can do this one-time allotment that's really going to help, but they don't have any authority to go higher. The ultimate problem is they're going to outgrow that tax increase when they need more teachers."

Martz passed her bar exam in September.

She is considering going into public service. She feels that she would do well in juvenile defense. Also, being a parent of an autistic child, she said she could help families with special needs children navigate the education system to get the most benefit for their children.

Or she might just return to being a principal.

Either way, she will continue to push for better funding for education, fueled by her own children's needs.

"I want their education to be better," she said. "I fight as much for them now as for the kids I had when I was the principal. I consider those my kids, too." ✦



## Salt Lake's 'Operation Rio Grande' homeless crackdown having a domino effect in Taylorsville

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“This has been mishandled terribly by Salt Lake City. They shouldn’t have let it get to this point.”

Unified Police Taylorsville Precinct Chief Tracy Wyant isn’t mincing words in sharing his frustration with the domino effect being created by the capital city’s controversial “Operation Rio Grande.”

The much-publicized effort to rid Salt Lake’s west side of encamped homeless people appears to be working. Officials say the city’s Rio Grande area is cleaner than it has been in years. Drug dealing in the area is also down.

But police and elected officials also nearly all seem to agree, the problem has not been solved, only relocated.

More than 1,000 arrests have been reported during Operation Rio Grande. The anticipated cost of the effort is expected to be some \$67 million over the next two years.

But Wyant reports, as the homeless are being pushed out, many are simply camping elsewhere, including an increased number along the Jordan River as far south as 3900 South to 4500 South, in Taylorsville.

At a recent city council meeting, Wyant offered some sobering updates to Taylorsville elected officials.

“Our number of complaint calls regarding transients has doubled since Operation Rio Grande began,” he said. “Public intoxication calls are up 50 percent, and suspicious activity calls, 30 percent.”

Wyant added, in recent months assault cases are up throughout the city, though not family or domestic assaults. The rising number involves strangers assaulting residents, presumably another byproduct of the homeless influx.

“This problem is not going to be solved quickly,” Wyant said. “Particularly until new treatment facilities are available, these people

are likely to remain in Taylorsville—and other cities like West Valley and South Salt Lake—creating issues.”

In recent months, Unified Police have undertaken their own effort to clear homeless camps along the Jordan River. They were assisted by the Salt Lake County Health Department and a crew of county jail inmates.

“The trouble is, there’s thick bushes in that area,” Wyant said. “Particularly during the summer—when all the leaves are on—homeless people can camp in there and be very difficult to see.”

Some residents have asked why transients have to be moved if they are simply camping along the river and not committing any other crimes. But Wyant said ignoring the issue creates more problems.

“Garbage and human waste is a constant problem at these camps,” the chief said. “And, unfortunately, we also seem to always see an increase in bicycle thefts and propane tank thefts when the camps are around.”

The other big issue Wyant adds, is that whenever a larger homeless population is in an area, drug dealers are normally not far behind.

Police would like to see some of the heavy foliage along the Jordan River cleared between 3900 South and 4500 South. But they say private landowners in the area aren’t excited about paying for it; and even if they were, some of the area is federally protected wetlands, making it very difficult to legally change the terrain.

Also at the council meeting, Taylorsville City Attorney Tracy Cowdell praised Wyant and his department for what they have been able to accomplish along the river, given the constraints they face.

“The situation has improved drastically in the past few months,” Cowdell said. “For several days, there were crews hauling out trailers full of garbage. It’s just hard to believe people in our community live like this. But the challenge isn’t really moving people out as



This bridge across the Jordan River has become a busy place for homeless people camping in Taylorsville. (Carl Fauver/City Journals)

much as it is keeping them out.”

Earlier in the meeting, during the council’s public comment period, a resident who lives near Labrum Memorial Park (2000 West 6100 South) shared similar concerns, saying he has observed more garbage being left at the park and evidence of more people sleeping in their cars, or on the grass, overnight.

Councilwoman Kristie Overson asked Wyant what the council might do to help, but he did not have an immediate request.

“The city has been very good about providing funding to add one or two more officers to the department each year,” Wyant said. “We now have 48 sworn officers serving Taylorsville with another to be hired in January. I’m not sure if we’ll need more, simply to deal with the homeless issue.”

Wyant admits, the problem is likely to get worse before it gets better. ✦



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# Westbrook learns the ‘write’ way

By Jet Burnham | j.burnham@mycityjournals.com

Westbrook Elementary has a schoolwide focus this year to improve their writing skills.

“We felt as a school it was something we could all focus on and would integrate into other areas,” said Principal Crista Holt. “The curriculum for elementary teachers is so vast and so anything that we can do to try to integrate our subjects together, the better we are.”

Teachers have added activities to all subjects to give students experience in all types of writing—journaling, informative, descriptive, technical, narrative and creative writing.

In addition to the traditional language arts writing, Jessica Sellers, a fifth-grade teacher, has integrated writing assignments into science and social studies—even math.

“We write a ton outside of our literacy block,” she said.

Her fifth-graders even keep a math journal.

“A huge part of math is being able to explain what and why you’re doing it, not just doing it,” said Sellers. “It’s putting their processes into words. So they’re not just computing in math, they’re writing about math.”

Cristy Altheman, whose daughter Danika is in sixth grade, said last year’s math journal made it easier to help her daughter with homework.

“Any new concept they learned, they wrote in that math book,” she said. “We kept it because it has helped her in sixth grade as well.”

Holt said the focus on writing skills will

bleed into other areas, particularly reading, since reading and writing go hand in hand.

Westbrook hosted Literacy Night on Sept. 8, to provide families with activities, games and crafts they could use at home to support their child’s reading and writing progress.

At one of the stations, students chose from a table full of words to create an attention-getting headline. They were given a notebook to write down their story and illustrate it. Students like second-grader Quinn Sellers were excited to take the notebook home to fill with her story ideas.

Another activity was a reading version of the game Jenga. Students carefully pulled a block from the tower and followed the instructions written on it, like- play air guitar, stand on one foot for 30 seconds, pretend to drive a car, march in place or do 10 push-ups.

Families were treated to pizza as well as free books. The R. Harold Burton Foundation donated 146 books of varying levels so each child in attendance, from preschool to high school, could take a book home.

Families were also able to take home the journals and storytelling games, which were provided by KUED. Westbrook has partnered with KUED for the annual Literacy Night for the last two years.

“We were able to grow it bigger through the partnership rather than the school trying to handle it all on their own,” said Sellers. This year near-

ly 200 people attended. There was plenty of support from PTA members, teachers and volunteers from the Latinos in Action clubs of Kearns and Taylorsville High Schools.

The kick-off Literacy night is just one of the ways the school focuses on literacy. Throughout the year, Literacy Coach Dawn Wasden oversees programs that encourage parents and children to read together.

R.E.A.D. (Read, Eat, Ask, Discuss) is a before-school book club that students sign up to participate in. Wasden chooses a book for students to read—independently for the upper grades and with a family member for the younger students. She hosts a special waffle breakfast, inviting the students to come before school and discuss the book.



Second-grader Quinn Sellers creates a headline for her story “Children Banned It’s One Mystery!” (Jet Burnham/City Journals)

Twice a year, students and parents are invited to read stories together at Books & Buddies, another literacy program Wasden promotes.

Holt hopes programs like these help increase parent involvement at Westbrook.

“I want to open the building any time I can to get parents in here and let them know this is their school,” she said. “My teachers are phenomenal. They do a great job of building that community with the kids and the parents.” ✦



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# Former Taylorsville mayor keeps busy more than a decade after leaving office

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Former Taylorsville Mayor Janice Auger reviews a job at her paper accenting business, Perfect Register. (Carl Fauver)

One of the key people involved in the creation of Taylorsville City back in 1996 still calls the city home and stays busy. But she's not much involved in government anymore.

Just as John Adams was one of the founders of our country—and our second president—Janice Auger, 76, was a Taylorsville founder and the city's second mayor.

"That was a busy time," she said. "After we incorporated, I was one of 68 candidates for city council and received the third-most votes. Two years later I ran against the incumbent mayor (LaVelle Prince) and won."

She held the post for two terms, from 1998 to 2006.

Soon after leaving office, Auger lost her second husband. Now remarried, she is Janice Rasmussen. However, because she was known as "Mayor Auger," that's how she is being referred to here.

Auger recently made her first appearance at a Taylorsville City Council meeting in several months—at the invitation of Councilwoman Dama Barbour—to offer the body's moment of reverence, a traditional part of each meeting's opening ceremony.

"Basically, my message to the council was, they are doing important work for the people and deserve to be blessed for all they do," she said.

"Janice is a dear friend of mine," said Barbour. "It was my pleasure to ask her to address the council. I don't think there would be a Taylorsville City without all of her hard work."

Auger said she does occasionally still attend city council meetings "if there's a particular issue I'm interested in. But, for the most part, I'm just too busy. I may have left (the Taylorsville mayoral post), but I certainly haven't retired."

First and foremost, Auger says it's a juggling act just to keep up with all her family.

"I've been married three times," she said. "Between kids and grandkids, step-children, step-grandchildren and 48 great grandkids and others, there are a total of 122 family members. We hold three different Christmas parties each year, just to include everyone."

But in addition to all her family obligations, the former mayor also juggles a part-time job at the business she owns with her son, along with an LDS church service mission.

And then there's her home garden.

"I grow 53 different kinds of plants," Auger said. And don't think you're leaving her home without a plastic sack full of tomatoes, zucchini or cucumbers.

Perfect Register is the company Auger started with her son, Devin Duckett. Ironically, as if she weren't busy enough founding Taylorsville City, Perfect Register also got its start in that same year, 1996.

"Almost no one has heard of our business, but nearly everyone here in Utah has seen what we do," Auger said. "We don't actually print materials. We do finish work on things that have already been printed."

Much of this includes adding foil accenting to everything from candy bar wrappers to wedding invitations.

The business housed on Salt Lake City's west side employs about 30 people. Their large warehouse and shop is home to more than \$4 million worth of specialized equipment.

"I work about 12 hours a week, handling payroll, taxes, insurance, bills and other things," Auger said.

When she's not bookkeeping at Perfect Register, Auger and her husband of seven years, Ken Rasmussen, volunteer at a book scanning center for their church mission.

"We assist in scanning information from historical books to be stored on the internet 'cloud,'" she said. "It's all intended to assist people as they do genealogy research."

Auger said perhaps the most interesting book she has reviewed contained very detailed information about the "real" Laura Ingalls Wilder and her family.

"It mentioned so many of the 'Little House on the Prairie' characters," Auger said. "But it also had pictures, and none of them looked like Michael Landon or Melissa Gilbert."

Auger and her husband began their service mission just over a year ago, volunteering on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Among those they volunteer with are Frank and Betty Young of Taylorsville who simply say "Janice is a great volunteer. We hope they re-up for another year."

At this point, Auger isn't sure what's around the next corner.

"Besides keeping up with my family, business, mission work and gardening, I also like to travel," she said. "I've already visited 46 states, about 15 countries, seven Caribbean islands and cruised through the Panama Canal. So who knows what's next."

So don't be surprised to not see former Mayor Janice Auger at many future council meetings. Your best bet may be to drop by her Taylorsville home next summer with an empty plastic grocery bag. ✦



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## Grappler and coach head to world finals

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The story of U.S. grappling team member Koffi Adzitso begins at a young age when his family left Africa and settled in Utah as refugees. His new life would take him on a journey to the World Grappling Championships in Azerbaijan.

“Only 20 people made the team, lots tried out and two of us come from Utah. We get to represent the USA and travel out of the country as team members,” Adzitso said.

The World Grappling Championships are scheduled for Oct. 18-21 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Adzitso trains with Taylorsville resident and former grappling World Champion Brandon Ruiz. He began hand-to-hand combat training after graduating from Cottonwood High School in 2007. While training he met Ruiz and began learning from him.

“I heard about wrestling my senior year and went out for the team. After high school I was doing MMA (mixed martial arts) and that is when I met Brandon. Every time I compete Brandon is in my corner. I have learned everything from him. This time I made the team with him,” Adzitso said.

He joined the Colts wrestling team his senior year and placed second in his weight class at the Utah High School Activities Association state wrestling meet.

He encourages kids to wrestle as early as they can.

“Wrestling teaches a lot of discipline and how to respect people. I learned to honor people and be responsible,” Adzitso said.

Adzitso and his family came to Utah when he was 11 years old. He moved from Togo, Africa. His parents got jobs at the airport to support his family.

“My parents really struggled to give us a good life here. They gave up a lot of stuff to come here and we settled in and became

citizens. We came here with only the stuff we could fit in our suitcase,” Adzitso said.

Because he is different he got into a lot of fights in school.

“I dressed different, did not speak English and looked different than everyone else. Back in Africa we fought a lot. When I was bullied I would defend myself. Then I started wrestling and instead of fighting after school I was on a team. I felt this was it, and I knew it would keep me away from trouble,” Adzitso said.

Grappling differs from wrestling—it is wrestling to submission. This means a competitor is expected to submit either verbally or by tapping his opponent to admit defeat. Refusing to “tap out” can risk unconsciousness or serious injury.

His supporters have started a go fund me account to help him raise funds for travel while attending the championships. It can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/send-koffi-to-world-championship>.

Adzitso estimates his trip to the world championships will cost about \$5,000. He works for Intermountain Health Care in the purchasing warehouse.

He trains by riding his bicycle to work and working out with Ruiz his coach. He rides 34 miles a day and spends approximately 12 hours a week perfecting his skill.

He qualified for the team in April at the U.S. Grappling World Team Trials in Las Vegas. He finished fourth in the 84 kg class.

Adzitso is nicknamed “The Lion King” in Ultimate Fighting circles and began fighting in 2007. His UFC record includes 20 wins and 11 losses. He had nine knockouts. His last UFC fight was in 2014 when he began training for submission grappling full time. ✦



Koffi Adzitso will represent the United States at the World Grappling Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan. (Koffi Adzitso)

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor  
Larry Johnson

Out of all the seasons, there's just something about Autumn that seems to stand out from all the others. The leaves changing colors along with the cool crisp air makes a walk outdoors both relaxing and enjoyable. It's a time for hayrides, bonfires, pumpkin picking, sweaters, piles of leaves, Halloween costumes, sunny days, and cool nights. As October 31 approaches, please keep in mind that, while having fun, staying safe should be a top priority. Happy Halloween!

—Mayor Johnson

## Halloween Safety Tips

### MOTORISTS

- Slow down in residential neighborhoods and obey all traffic signs and signals. Drive at least 5 mph below the posted speed limit to give yourself extra time to react to children who may dart into the street.
- Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs. In dark costumes, they'll be harder to see at night.
- Look for children crossing the street. They may not be paying attention to traffic and cross the street mid-block or between parked cars.
- Carefully enter and exit driveways and alleys.
- Turn on your headlights to make yourself more visible – even in the daylight.
- Broaden your scanning by looking for children left and right into yards and front porches.

### PARENTS

- Ensure an adult or older, responsible youth is available to supervise children under age 12.
- Plan and discuss the route your trick-or-treaters will follow.
- Instruct children to travel only in familiar areas and along established routes.
- Teach children to stop only at well-lit houses and to never to enter a stranger's home or garage.
- Establish a time for children to return home.
- Tell children not to eat any treats until they get home.
- Review trick-or-treating safety precautions, including pedestrian and traffic safety rules.
- Make sure Halloween costumes are flame-retardant and visible with retro-reflective material.

### TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Be bright at night – wear retro-reflective tape on costumes and treat buckets to improve visibility to motorists and others.
- Wear disguises that don't obstruct vision, and avoid facemasks. Instead, use nontoxic face paint. Also, watch the length of billowy costumes to help avoid tripping.
- Ensure any props are flexible and blunt-tipped to avoid injury from tripping or horseplay.
- Carry a flashlight containing fresh batteries, and place it facedown in the treat bucket to free up one hand. Never shine it into the eyes of oncoming drivers.
- Stay on sidewalks and avoid walking in streets if possible.
- If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic.
- Look both ways and listen for traffic before crossing the street.
- Cross streets only at the corner, and never cross between parked vehicles or mid-block.
- Trick-or-treat in a group if someone older cannot go with you.
- Tell your parents where you are going.

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For information on Taylorsville candidates, please see the public contact information above and contact candidates directly.

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#### GENERAL ELECTION DAY

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Officer Steven White



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On July 27th, 2017, Detectives located an occupied stolen vehicle with a male and female inside in the area of 5400 S 2200 W. As the vehicle turned north on 2200 W. Officer White was positioned at 4700 S and 2200 W and was able to covertly deploy spikes which successfully flattened 2 tires. As Officers attempted to converge the driver of the stolen vehicle struck Det. Powells vehicle causing minor damage, and drove towards Chief Wyant. Officer White then pointed his handgun at the suspects as they quickly fled the area and were thought to have entered onto I-215. All Officers were terminated from pursuing. Shortly after several calls were received that a vehicle had hit the curb at 4300 S 2200 W and that a male and vehicle fled the area on foot. Officer White’s quick response not only prevented a high speed pursuit but also aided responding Officers with detailed information surrounding the suspects.

Officer White is to be commended for his attention to detail and professionalism. The Unified Police Department and the citizens of Taylorsville City are fortunate to have him.



UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

City Council	Wednesday, October 4	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Tuesday, October 10	7:00 p.m.
City Council	Wednesday, October 18	6:30 p.m.
Planning Commission	Tuesday, October 24	7:00 p.m.





LEISURE, ACTIVITIES, RECREATION, & PARKS (L.A.R.P.) COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14  
10 AM TO 5 PM

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TIME	EVENT
9:00 AM	REGISTRATION FOR CLASSIC CAR SHOW
10 AM - 1 PM	REGISTRATION FOR HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE, CHALK ART COMPETITION, PUMPKIN PAINTING, AND SKATE BOARD COMPETITION
10 AM - 5 PM	DJ MUSIC & BOUNCE HOUSES
10 AM - 5 PM	FOOD TRUCKS
10 AM - 4 PM	CLASSIC CAR SHOW
10:15 AM	SIX PACK BAND
11 AM - 3 PM	SKATE BOARD AND BIKING COMPETITION
11:30 AM	TAP DANCERS
12:45 PM	LIAHONA HAWAIIAN BAND
1:30 PM	HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARADE
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	SLC STARS MASCOT BUSTER BEAR & CHICK-FIL-A COW
2:30 PM	POLYNESIAN DANCERS & FIRE DANCERS
4:00 PM	NATIVE AMERICAN DANCERS
4 PM - 4:30 PM	AWARDS FOR CHALK ART COMPETITION AND PUMPKIN PAINTING
TIME - TBA	NATIONAL GUARD CLIMBING WALL
6:30 PM	"A HARVEST HEART" - IT'S A NIGHT OF SINGING, DANCING, AND POETRY

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## UPDATES FROM THE DISTRICT

### FALL LEAF COLLECTION

The annual Fall Leaf Collection Program will begin on October 15 and last through November 30.

During this time Taylorsville residents can pick up leaf bags at:

- Kearns Library: 5350 S. 4220 W.
- Taylorsville City Hall: 2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd.

Leaf Bags can be dropped off at:

- South Ridge Park: 5210 S. 4015 W.
- Valley Ball Complex: 5100 S. 2700 W.
- Vista Park: 5000 S. 2055 W.

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

*Presented by the Taylorsville Exchange Club*

## Thursday, October 12

**6:00 p.m. City Council Districts #4 & #5**

**7:15 p.m. Mayoral Candidates**

Taylorsville City Hall, Council Chambers  
2600 West Taylorsville Blvd. Taylorsville, Utah 84129



## CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES BY DISTRICT

### Council Member - District 4

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Taylorsville Bennion  
Heritage Remembrances



Rachel Bennion Spencer

This months article of Taylorsville Remembrances features Rachel Bennion Spencer

She was born June 5, 1849, and was the first white female born west of the Jordan River in Taylorsville, Utah. She was the fifth child and fourth daughter of John and Esther Wainwright Bennion. She was baptized on June 8, 1857, in West Jordan, Utah, having walked the entire distance of four miles for that purpose.

The first twenty years of pioneer life in Utah were very hard as there were no possible educational opportunity for the growing children, but Rachel Bennion made the most of such as was afforded her by the practical experience in home making that she received from her wonderful mother and she was well equipped for her duties as a wife and mother when she married William J. Spencer on October 25, 1868, in the old Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Shortly after the marriage, Mr. Spencer was called on a mission into Utah's Dixie. The journey was begun in November 1868, in company with his father-in-law and some younger men. His bride stayed home with her mother and helped take care of the livestock and run the farm while her father and husband were gone to do missionary work.

Her husband, William James Spencer was born July 26, 1841, in Gofberton, Linkenshire, England. His mother's name was Eliza Smith, and his father's name was George Mitten Spencer. His father died when he was six years old, and his widowed mother and son George came to the United States when he was ten years of age. They arrived in Utah October 1, 1851, and it took nine weeks to make the trip.

The Taylorsville Bennion Heritage Center Museum has Rachael's photo posted on the East wall to let folks know of her important story to our community. Next month, perhaps we'll post the photo of the first Male born west of the Jordan River in Taylorsville. To be continued.

WELCOME TO TAYLORSVILLE, EL VALLE!



Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting - August 28, 2017

City Officials, ChamberWest, and Community Members participated in a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the grand opening of El Valle!  
El Valle is a Mexican Restaurant located at 3965 West 5400 South with both a drive-thru and indoor seating.  
The food is delicious and the menu offers something for everyone.

## GREENHOUSE WINTER GARDENING

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## What you do not see.

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If you have any questions regarding this article please contact Dan McDougal, Communications Manager, at Taylorsville-Bennion Improvement District: 801-968-9081 / [danmcdougal@tbid.org](mailto:danmcdougal@tbid.org) or visit our website at [www.tbid.org](http://www.tbid.org)



Figure 1 A manhole before coating



Figure 2 A manhole after coating

## WELCOME TO TAYLORSVILLE, FRESENIUS KIDNEY CARE!



*Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting - August 29, 2017*

City Officials, ChamberWest, and Community Members participated in a Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the grand opening of Fresenius Kidney Care! They are located at 5320 South 2700 West. Fresenius Kidney Care is a division of Fresenius Medical Care North America offering the most advanced dialysis treatment services and patient support services. For additional information visit [www.freseniuskidneycare.com](http://www.freseniuskidneycare.com)



## Bruins kick off fall sports season

By Greg James | gregj@mycityjournals.com

Salt Lake Community College students are back to school, and it is time for fall sports to begin. The Bruins' volleyball and soccer teams take to the playing surface in search of Region 18 championships.

The men's and women's soccer teams enter their second seasons of competition. The 2017 teams hope to continue building the program where they left off last season.

The Bruin women closed out the 2016 regular season with 14 consecutive matches without a loss. They had four ties in that stretch.

In the Region 18 tournament, the women defeated Utah State University Eastern 1-0 in the team's opening match. Maida Alijac, a Jordan High School graduate, scored the lone goal in the 59th minute. It came off a corner kick from Kenzie Van Buren.

The second round proved not so fortunate for the Bruins. They lost to Snow College 3-2. They failed to defeat the Badgers in the 2016 campaign but managed three ties.

Last season's leading scorer was Jennifer Mendez. She scored nine goals and had one assist.

The women were scheduled to face Colorado Northwestern Community College Sept. 8 and 9 (after our press deadline) in their first conference matches.

The Bruin men's team had similar success last season. They did not taste defeat in their first 15 matches of the regular season.

In the region tournament, they were defeated



The 2016 Bruins garnered national attention, won the Region 18 championship and finished the season ranked fifth in the country. (SLCC bruins athletics)

by Snow College 7-6 in penalty kicks. The match finished regulation in a 3-3 tie. Freshman Luis Vargas from Copper Hills scored in the 54th minute to grab the lead for the Bruins, but Snow countered just 10 minutes later to tie it up.

Vargas was the team's leading scorer last season with 13 goals. Junior Estrada, also a Copper Hills graduate, scored eight goals and had five assists.

The men's team played its first home match Aug. 29 against Western Wyoming College

where it won 5-0. The first conference matches were scheduled for Sept. 8 and 9 dominating Colorado Northwestern by a combined score of 16-1.

Mark Davis is both the women's and men's team head coach. Before joining the Bruins he was head coach for the Seaside at BYU-Hawaii. He has Utah ties as a graduate of Copper Hills High School. He is married and has two children.

Davis is also the current head coach of Real

Salt Lake women's team and was named UWS West coach of the year for his efforts with Real.

The women's volleyball team is returning Region 18 champion and finished last season ranked fifth in the country. The Bruins posted an 8-2 record in conference play on their way to the national tournament.

Last season, sophomore Andrea Brady was selected to the American Volleyball Coaches Association first team. She was Region 18 tournament most valuable player. Brady ranked third nationally in total blocks with 171.

The Bruins' leaders in kills last season were Aubrie Steiner and To'a Foleao; both sophomores will return this season.

Women's head coach Sue Dulaney was named 2016 AVCA West Region coach of the year. This is her 10th season at Salt Lake Community College.

The Bruins hosted the defending national champions Miami Dade College Sept. 1 in the Crystal Invitational where they were swept 0-3. This was a rematch of last season's quarterfinals at the National Championship tournament. Miami defeated the Bruins 3-0. Otero College, Northwest College and Laramie County Community College also participated in the invitational, the Bruins beat each team.

The Bruins first fielded a volleyball team in 1996. Dulaney is the program's sixth head coach, and she has compiled 238 victories at Salt Lake Community College, the winningest coach in school history. ✦



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# Volleyball coaches serve a purpose

By Greg James | gregj@mycityjournals.com

High school volleyball coaches across the state of Utah joined together for a training opportunity.

“As coaches, we are helping our athletes get ready for the real world,” Taylorsville head volleyball coach Clint Barnes said in a press release. “They all do not come from perfect homes, some are and will experience trials and challenges in their lives. Coaches have an impact on them and it is important to keep learning.”

John Kessel, from USA Volleyball, joined several local coaches Aug. 12 for a one-day clinic. He discussed new trends and techniques to help coaches train and maintain the highest level of the game.

Kessel is a member of the National Governing Body of the sport of volleyball. His current position is director of sport development. In 1995, Volleyball Magazine named him as one of the 50 most influential people in the sport the last 50 years. As a player, he competed in 16 U.S. Championships.

Taylorsville High School head coach Clint Barnes has helped lead the initiative to have better trained coaches in the state. He is president of the Utah Volleyball Coaches Association. The associations dues help promote high school volleyball in Utah and develop coaching education seminars.

Education is a key point of emphasis to the UVCA. Better coaches help young men and young women become better athletes but also helps them become better leaders and citizens. Barnes encourages other coaches to have a positive impact on the youth they coach.

The UVCA has also gathered donations to help victims of hurricanes Harvey and Irma. At press time, Barnes and his Taylorsville players had gathered more than \$500



Taylorsville volleyball hopes to return to the state tournament. Its last appearance was 2014. (Taylorsville volleyball)

to send in relief. West High School’s volleyball team challenged all other high school teams to donate \$100.

Several club teams in the area have excelled and continue to produce top talent. Mount O Volleyball recently sent two of its players to a beach tournament in California. High Country Volleyball Club, in the Taylorsville area, had five players sign letters of intent to play college volleyball.

High school volleyball in the state of Utah has taken a diminished role in player development. Barnes and other high school coaches are looking for ways to improve their programs.

The Taylorsville Warriors won three of their first nine matches. The Warrior victories came in the High Flying Falcons Open Volleyball tournament held at Clearfield High School Aug. 25-26. They got past Logan 25-15, 24-26 and 15-9. They also beat Ben Lomond in two straight sets 25-15 and 25-18. The other victory in the tournament came against Provo 25-21 and 25-20. They placed seventh in the tournament.

The Warriors were scheduled to begin region games Sept. 12 (after press deadline) against Herriman.

The Utah High School Activities Association realigned its member high schools. Taylorsville competes in Region 3 against Copper Hills, Herriman, Riverton and West Jordan.

Lone Peak is the defending 5A state champion. Pleasant Grove finished second. Taylorsville’s last appearance in the state tournament was 2014 when it finished sixth overall.

The state volleyball tournament is scheduled for Nov. 2-4 at Utah Valley University in Orem. ✦



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# Stars offseason full of changes

By Greg James | gregj@mycityjournals.com

The Salt Lake Stars are members of a new league, sort of. The NBA development league or D League; will now be known as the NBA Gatorade league, or G League. The league has long been a testing ground for the NBA. The G league is about the future of creating the next level of sports performance. Gatorade is now the official sponsor for the NBA's official minor league. The leagues job is to prepare players, coaches, officials, trainers and front office staff for the NBA while acting as the league's research and development laboratory. The G League features 26 teams, all with affiliations to NBA franchises. It is a family-friendly and affordable alternative to the NBA.

This league expanded by four teams this year. It added the Agua Caliente Clippers of Ontario (LA Clippers), Erie Bay Hawks (Atlanta Hawks), Memphis Hustle (Memphis Grizzlies) and Wisconsin Herd (Milwaukee Bucks).

Beginning this season, NBA rosters expanded to 17 players. The two additional roster spots can be players with two-way contracts. These contracts allow players to spend the majority of the season with the G League team and not more than 45 days with their NBA team.

All Salt Lake City Stars games during the 2017-18 season stream on Facebook Live. The games can be found at Facebook.com/NBAGLeague.

The Stars' roster is filled with players on different paths they hope end up on an NBA team. They can be returning players, affiliate players, local tryout players or free agents. Unlike Major League Baseball, a majority of G League players are available for any of the 30 NBA teams to sign. League players have signed contracts with the league and not an individual team; by NBA

standards they are technically free agents. The G League hosts its showcase Jan. 10-13 in Mississauga, Ontario. The showcase highlights every G League team in one arena. The four day, 26-game event features all 26 league teams playing two regular season games. This is the leagues primary in-season scouting event. Personnel from all 30 NBA teams are expected to be in attendance.

The League is scheduled to tip off its season Nov. 3. The Stars begin the season on the road at Austin, Texas. Their first home game is scheduled for Nov. 8 against a new franchise, the Wisconsin Herd.

Each team will play 24 road and 24 home games. The Stars host their games at The Salt Lake Community College Lifetime Activities Center on its Taylorsville campus.

The Stars have been moved to the Western Conference's Southwest Division. Their competitors are the Austin Spurs, Rio Grande Valley Vipers and Texas Legends.

The Stars were scheduled to host an open tryout for prospective players Sept. 30 (after press deadline).

On Aug. 22, Jonathan Rinehart was named team president for the Stars. He is a 12-year veteran of the Utah Jazz. His responsibilities include ticket sales, corporate partnerships, marketing efforts, community relations and in-game entertainment.

Bart Sharp, who served as the Stars General Manager last season, has been appointed as the senior vice president of marketing for the Utah Jazz.

Rinehart joined the Jazz organization in 2005 and has worked as vice president of communications for the past three seasons. He is also organizer of the Utah Jazz Summer League.

The Stars finished last season with a record of 14-36 in fifth



Jazz guard Alec Burks has spent time on the floor for the Salt Lake City Stars. The Stars are set for their second season in Taylorsville. (Paul Asay/Salt Lake City Stars)

place in the Western Conference Pacific Division. They lost their last 10 games of the regular season.

The Stars' new head coach is Martin Schiller. He had previously been and assistant coach in the German Bundesliga for the last two years. ⬆





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## Solar eclipse used as a chance to appreciate science

By Ruth Hendricks | [Ruth.H@mycityjournals.com](mailto:Ruth.H@mycityjournals.com)

Many residents used the Aug. 21 solar eclipse to increase or enhance their knowledge of science. Salt Lake County libraries throughout the valley hosted eclipse-viewing parties from 10 a.m. until past noon.

The eclipse reached maximum coverage at 11:33 a.m. While Salt Lake county residents were not in the zone to see the total eclipse, the viewpoint here was 92 percent at fullest coverage.

"People were lined up at the doors of many branches before the libraries even opened," said Kelsy Thompson, public relations coordinator for the library. She reported that Sandy alone had about 700 people attend. "I'd say between all 18 of our branches, we easily had a few thousand patrons attend and partake in the festivities."

The library branches gave out 3,000 pairs of viewing glasses on eclipse day alone, and had been distributing them, as available, before the event as well. "For those patrons who couldn't acquire glasses, many of the branches also created pinhole viewers and cardboard viewers with solar film for patrons to watch the eclipse. We also had a full schedule of branch events leading up to Aug. 21," said Thompson.

These events included talks about the solar system at the Taylorsville branch, related storytime readings at various branches, crafts at the Whitmore branch, rocket launchings at Bingham Creek and a Lunar Tunes/Looney Tunes cartoon marathon at Bingham Creek.

Joakima Carr came to the West Jordan library viewing party with her son, 7-year-old Daisun, and daughter, 5-year-old Daiyana. Her baby, Dailuna, also came along to the party. Joakima laughed that several of her children had space-related names, one with "sun" and one with "luna." Damon, the father, is a mechanical engineer and likes to promote science learning with the kids.

"I want to be an astronaut. I want to go to Jupiter," said Daisun. He explained how Jupiter was the largest planet, and he talked about the storms on Mars.

Joakima had helped the kids build cardboard eclipse viewers. She had watched a video on YouTube to learn how to build them.

Daisun was already learning about the phases of the moon in school. The family also recently watched the movie "The Martian" and had discussed living on Mars. The kids had used blocks at home to make stackable buildings and a satellite, inspired by the movie.

Joakima said the family has also gone to visit a space museum and that the kids enjoy anything with a space theme.

Retiree John Perry also came to the viewing party. Perry has been interested in space since



John Perry lets the public view the eclipse through his telescope. (Ruth Hendricks/City Journals)

the TV show "Star Trek" debuted. Perry came to the library grounds because there were no obstructions, and he could set up his telescope with a filter and camera attachment. He programmed the camera to take a photo every 40 seconds to document the movement of the moon across the sun. "It's amazing to see the sun and moon both together at the same time," he said.

Attendees at the party expressed appreciation that Perry let them look through his telescope. Perry enjoys taking photos of celestial events. He took 268 images when Mercury crossed the sun. Mercury and Venus are closer to the sun than our planet, so when they cross in between the Earth and the sun it's called a transit. Mercury's last transit was May 9, 2016.

Information from the county library website shows that the 2017 Great American Eclipse united most of the country in viewing it. CNN recently projected that about half the country (150 million people) watched some portion of the eclipse. This compares to 20 million people who watched the 2017 NBA Championship, and 111 million people who watched the Super Bowl this past February. ✦





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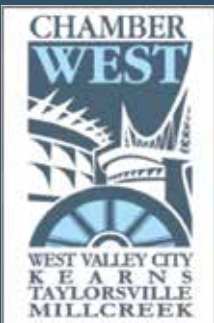
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# Westminster president set to retire at end of school year

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Westminster's President Stephen R. Morgan will retire after 37 years working closely with the school. (Steven R. Morgan/Westminster College)

On Sept. 8, the President of Westminster, Stephen R. Morgan, announced he will retire at the end of the academic school year, which is June 2018. After 37 years at Westminster, Morgan, who served in various positions during his career, will put away the books and enjoy retirement. Even though he's moving onto a new phase in life, he will be missed by his colleagues and he will miss the school that has helped him grow.

"It has been a special honor to have served the better half of my life at Westminster," Morgan said. "I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to serve as president of this great institution."

In 2015, at the age 63, Morgan became Westminster's 18th president, and during his presidency hired the school's first chief of diversity officer, advanced into the final provisional year of NCAA division II and created a new honors college.

"During his tenure, he has found ways to bring out the best of everything that Westminster has to offer," Jeanne Ambruster, chair of

Westminster's Board of Trustees said. "We are very appreciative of his longtime commitment to the college and wish him the best in his retirement years."

The leadership that Morgan showed at Westminster was a game changer. He has been part of the campus since 1981, and through those years he was an adviser to six presidents before becoming one himself. During those years, he helped grow the college's endowment to more than \$75 million and directed fundraising for major construction projects, including the Giovale Library, the Bill and Vieve Gore School of Business, the Manford A. Shaw Student Center, Emma Eccles Jones Conservatory, the Dolores Dore Eccles Health, Wellness and Athletic Center and the Meldrum Science Center.

"Working together as a community, we have made Westminster a better place of higher learning and a place where all students can find their passion and lead meaningful lives," Morgan said. "Westminster and its community will always hold a special place in my heart." ✦



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## Concert benefits clean water access throughout the world

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A night of music to benefit clean water sustainability throughout the world with local Utah artists. (Jennifer Roberts)

On Oct. 28, the Libby Gardner Concert Hall at the University of Utah will host a score of Utah's musical talent in the hopes of drawing attention to the need for clean water access all around the world.

"There are over a billion people in the world that don't have access to clean water, and there are about 3.4 million people every year that die because they don't have that clean water, and that has kind of a ripple effect of other negative impacts, waterborne illnesses, sanitation, lack of water in dry season to keep things growing," said Jennifer Roberts of WHOLives, a South Jordan based, nonprofit that is looking to help get clean, sustainable water to every corner of the earth using a human-powered, self-propelled drill that can be easily transported by truck or canoe to different areas not usually accessible.

WHO stands for Water, Health and Opportunity, and the organization has been recognized and awarded internationally for its work to bring sustainability, rather than dependence to people around the world in need of access to clean water. John Renouard, the founder and president, was presented with the Red Cross Hero Award for the work that's being done. In the last three years, WHOLives has more than 1,200 water points in more than 25 different countries, bringing water to more than 1.2 million people.

"It really can fix the world water crisis," said Roberts. "We often say that WhoLives is the leading technology in the fight against poverty because it really does all begin with clean water. It allows economic opportunities to people. Prosperity can begin to take hold in the lives of people."

Roberts notes that part of that prosperity is the opportunity to bypass the often seven-hour constant journey back and forth that young girls are charged with to bring mostly dirty water to their families throughout the day. With the drill,

that process is cut to a fraction, allowing them the chance to spend that time in school learning, gaining social development skills and reclaiming their childhood.

In 2016, an average of one well a day was dug by a village drill in more than 25 countries such as India, Vanuatu and others in Africa and South America. This year, WHOLives is hoping to double that number and go beyond it. The drills that go out are owned and operated by an active drilling team, local team of entrepreneurs, hospital or school which, Roberts said, isn't traditionally how it has been done with clean water. Normally, water is brought in through funding or a gift but, when the system breaks, it tends to stay broken and the source of water is cut off because there just isn't the funding or expertise to fix it. The WHOLives sustainability model insists that certain economic opportunities must be in place before the drill is put in to ensure that the water will continue being accessible to the community. Not enough water isn't the problem, said Roberts; it's not having reasonable access to clean water that is the problem.

"The goal for this concert is to continue that mission," said Roberts.

With the sponsorship from Gary Young of Young Living, all the proceeds from the concert, donations and ticket sales will go directly toward funding global water projects as well as helping local refugees who have resettled in Utah with a scholarship gift. Raffle and auction prizes are also part of the program.

"We're going to put on an amazing show and inspire the audience to help," said Roberts, "It's going to be a special, unforgettable evening."

Artists include Dallyn Vail Bayles, the One Voice Children's Choir, Stephen Beus and more. Seats are limited. To purchase tickets, go to [www.wholivesevent.org](http://www.wholivesevent.org). ✦

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# CAVIER TAILGATING ON A CHEAPSKATE BUDGET



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by  
**JOANI TAYLOR**

It's here at last, football season is back, and you know what that means, tailgating.

Time to paint your face like a primal maniac, put on some music, grill some meat and have a grilling throw down in the stadium parking lot.

Now, it would be nice to tailgate like a king. Grill up some Ribeye's and lobster tails, but we're not going to do that because this is the nutty coupon lady talking. Instead we're going to tailgate.... on a budget.

I decided to make the ultimate sacrifice and do some extensive and exhaustive field studies. Yes, these are the kinds of sacrifices we make at Coupons4Utah.com for our amazing readers. Here are few suggestions to help you keep from breaking the bank.

## Play #1 – LEAVE THE GROCERIES AT HOME AND EAT FOR FREE

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## Play #2 – USE THE CASHBACK REBATE APP, IBOTTA

This app. is my secret strategy for getting cash-back on hot dogs, mustard, cheese, chips, soda and even beer (bonus, no beer purchase required). In fact, as I write this, there's even a rebate for submitting for

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## Play #3 – THE MORE THE MERRIER

Think of it as one big potluck. Invite more people to the party, and request that everyone pitch in with a dish. It's a football game, so make it a team sport and put each team member in charge of something different.

## Play #4 – THE SNEAKY SWAPS

Use a cheaper cut of meat and cook it slow and low. Okay, I get it about the BBQ. But how about forgoing the grilling and taking your menu to barbecued pulled pork instead. Cooking the cheaper cut in a slow cooker or Instant Pot ([coupons4utah.com/instant-pot](http://coupons4utah.com/instant-pot)) not only saves you money, it stretches further and makes game day a snap.

And, remember amidst all that tailgating comfort food, to sneak in garden-fresh sides that are under a buck per serving.

## Play #5 – IT'S ALL ABOUT THE COLOR:

Instead of worrying about expensive official team gear, visit your nearest dollar store to purchase plates and napkins in your team's colors. Deck yourself out in solid colors without the logo. Take a quick look online for make your own game ideas that you can create in team theme, like Cornhole. There's some easy to follow direction via DIY Network [www.diynetwork.com/how-to/outdoors/structures/how-to-build-a-regulation-cornhole-set](http://www.diynetwork.com/how-to/outdoors/structures/how-to-build-a-regulation-cornhole-set)

Ultimately, tailgating is not about the food... well, okay, it's about the food. But, it's also about the people, the friendship and the experience. It's those things that make the food taste so good.

## Slow Cooker Pulled Pork

Serving: 8-10 – Under \$20 total

### Ingredients:

- 6-7 lbs Pork Shoulder Chuck Roast
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon chile powder
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large onion
- 1 bottle BBQ Sauce
- sturdy hamburger buns

### Marinade:

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1 cup your favorite BBQ Sauce
- 2 tablespoons liquid smoke
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 3 large garlic cloves, pressed
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar

1-Stir together the brown sugar, chile powder, paprika, garlic powder, salt, black pepper and cayenne in a small bowl. Rub the mixture all over the pork shoulder. Wrap the pork in plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. Place meat in slow cooker on top of slice onion.

2-Combine Marinade in a bowl and pour the marinade over the pork.

3-Cover and set on low for 8 hours. Remove the meat to a large bowl and shred with forks mix in desired amount of BBQ sauce. Serve on buns. It's delicious topped with coleslaw. ✦



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# Life AND Laughter

by  
PERI KINDER



As a child growing up in a strict Mormon household in the '70s, I spent most of my day trying not to unintentionally invite Satan into our home. It was a struggle because according to my mom there were hundreds of things we could do that would summon the Prince of Darkness to our doorstep.

I pictured him sitting on his throne in the lowest level of glory (Mormons don't call it "hell"), receiving an elegant hand-written note that read, "You are cordially invited to live at the Stewart home because Peri's sister listens to Metallica pretty much every day. Plus, Peri frequently forgets to say her prayers, she blackmailed her brother and she uses face cards to play Blackjack, betting Froot Loops and M&Ms."

I spent most of my childhood deathly afraid.

Sunday school teachers would recount true stories of children who snuck into R-rated movies only to wake up in the middle of the night to find either Jesus sadly shaking his head or Satan leering and shaking his pitchfork. I didn't watch an R-rated movie until I was 46.

In the 1970s, Ouija boards were all the rage. My mom warned us, in no un-

certain terms, that playing with a Ouija board was guaranteed to beckon all sorts of demons. It didn't help that I didn't know Ouija was pronounced "WeeJee." I thought I was playing Owja.

Once, my sister stayed home from church pretending to be sick and heard (cloven?) footsteps in the room above her. She swore off Ouija boards and Black Sabbath for a month or two before returning to her demonic ways.

My dad was no help. He frequently added to my levels of hellish anxiety, especially when I yelled for him in the middle of the night, certain I'd heard a demon growling under my bed.

He'd stumble into my room, look under the bed and say, "You'll be fine as long as you stay in bed. If you have to get up, I hope you can run fast. You should probably keep your feet under the covers."

Dad would go back to bed, leaving me absolutely terrified. So I'd wake up my sister so we could be terrified together.

On top of the constant fear of running into Satan, we had to avoid accidentally summoning Bloody Mary by saying her name three times or luring any number of evil spirits to our living

## Speak of the Devil



room by watching "Fantasy Island." I once caught my sister drawing pentagrams on her notebook and made my own version of holy water to exorcise any demons who might be lurking nearby.

When I turned 13, I was pretty sure I'd encouraged a poltergeist to take up residence in our home. There was suddenly lots of slamming doors, dishes flying through the air, vulgar language spewed during dinner and an overall evil atmosphere. Turns out it wasn't a poltergeist, just me being 13.

Mom always said the devil didn't

have a tail and horns, but looked like an ordinary human. Occasionally, the Fuller Brush salesman would come to the door and I'd eye him with deep suspicion. Was it really a door-to-door salesman, or was it Satan trying to infiltrate our weak defenses.

At one point, I wished he would just show up so I could stop worrying about it. I imagined he'd knock on the door and, resigned, I'd let him in and tell him to find a place to sleep.

"But you can't live under the bed," I'd say. "It's taken." ✦

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